



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicants: Munehiro Shimomura et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this
Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 9 of this Amendment.